

REMARKS

Applicants are amending the claims in the above-identified application, by adding new claims 20-23 thereto. Each of these newly added claims is directed to a functioning substrate, and is each dependent on claim 1. Claims 20 and 21 respectively recite that each of the columnar micro pillars has a length greater than a depth of the respective pits of a mold used in forming such pillars; and recites that the columnar micro pillars are formed by pressing a mold having pits against the organic polymer, the organic polymer entering the pits so as to form pillars, and removing the mold, the pillars being stretched upon removal of the mold to form the micro pillars. Claims 22 and 23 respectively recite that the organic polymer is a material such that by pressing a mold having pits against such organic polymer, the polymer entering the pits so as to form pillars, and then removing the mold, the organic material is stretched upon removal of the mold so as to form the micro pillars; and recites that the columnar micro pillars have a first diameter at the matrix and a second diameter at a position intermediate the height of the columnar micro pillars, the first diameter being greater than the second diameter.

In connection with the newly added claims, note, for example, pages 8 and 9 of Applicants' specification.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith and the Information Disclosure Statement previously submitted on August 10, 2004, are noted. In order to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of the above-identified application, including the prior art submitted in connection therewith, Applicants respectfully request an interview prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. With respect to such an interview, Applicants acknowledge 37 CFR § 1.133 (a)(2). However it is respectfully submitted that the

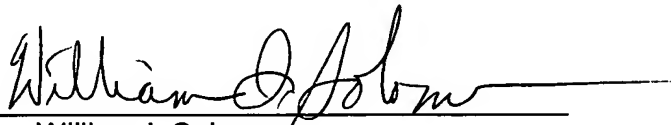
requested interview is for discussion of the subject matter of the present claims and of the submitted prior art, to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of the pending claims, and thus is not prohibited under 37 CFR § 1.133(a)(2).

In view of all of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments, prior to examination of the above-identified application; and also prior to such examination, scheduling of an interview in the above-identified application, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner agrees to such interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for scheduling of such interview at the convenience of the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 520.43241X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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